

Life and Work – May 3, 2026

We accept the following donation to the Maintenance Fund:

* In memory of Leah Bursey from Son, Doug and Harry Bursey and their families.

A thought of the week: God is still writing your story. Quit trying to steal the pen.

Celebrate our Region becoming an Affirming Ministry:

It's time to celebrate being an Affirming Ministry. Today, Sunday, May 3, 2026, at 1:00 pm NDT/12:30 pm (ADT), we come together across First Dawn Eastern Edge Regional Council to publicly celebrate our becoming an Affirming Ministry within the United Church of Canada. Rev. Grant Stuckless, former Regional Council President will be the guest preacher in this multi-location worship service linked together via Zoom.

If you want to join in person, please visit one of the following locations in your area: Pasadena United Church (Watch Party), Memorial United Church in Grand Falls-Windsor, Carol United Church in Labrador City and St. James United Church in St. John's.

If you want to join via Zoom, the link is listed below (You can also find it on our Facebook Page)

We ask that you display a symbol that represents for you being an inclusive community. Let's come together to celebrate this important moment as a Regional Council.

Topic: FDEE Affirm Celebration Service

Time: May 3, 2026 12:30 PM (ADT); 1:00 PM (NDT)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://united-church.zoom.us/j/81028904635?pwd=Eyzum62YULX5lbwbcWdYB6VfqIzdp6.1>

Meeting ID: 810 2890 4635

Password: 123456

Have you been thinking about becoming a member of St. James United Church?

Perhaps you are currently a member of another congregation and are considering transferring your membership? Or you were baptized in the United Church but were never confirmed, or baptized in another denomination and would like to join the United Church? Or perhaps you just want to learn more about what it means to be a full member? Whatever your current situation, we would be happy to discern with you. Susan Pike is available to chat on the phone (709-576-0703) or by email (susanpike@warp.nfld.net); as is Rev. James (709-351-0983) or (james@stjamesuc.org).

Meditation: Each Wednesday, 5:45-6:30 pm. Doors open at 5:30 pm. People who are new to Christian meditation are asked to come at 5:30 for a time of instruction with Rev. James. Come each week for a time of quiet meditation in the Christian tradition.

Wild Light Spiritual Oasis: Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 pm at Long Point (Meet at the shelter in the Fluvarium parking lot) We will take part in a meditative walk focused on nurturing our relationship with nature.

Taizé Prayer Service: Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30PM. A time of readings, singing and silent reflection.

Tapestry - Saturday, May 9: Beginning with a potluck at 5:30. This service celebrates the strands that make us who we are in terms of faith, experience, and identity.

Pub Theology: Thursday, May 21 at 7 pm at Guv'nor Pub. A time to explore questions of faith, spirituality and ethics over a beverage. No question is too big or too small. See you there

Financial Update to March 31:

It has been a challenging financial time for St James, as the church was closed for two Sundays and there was a lot of snow to deal with.

For January 1 to March 31

Total Revenue \$68,546

Total Expenses 98,981

Total Deficit \$30,435

Explanation: Our collections are down \$8,000 from last year; Rentals are down \$4,000 - With the loss of Quadrangle and The Bridge Group didn't start till February; on a good note Fundraising is up by \$6,000. Our Insurance increased by \$3,400 from last year and repairs are up \$2,000. Heat is on par with last year, which is due to the number of fill-ups. For the month of March 2026 we paid \$9,000 for oil. This was due to the cost of oil on the rise and the excessive cold for the month. With the cleaners leaving and new cleaners starting we did save \$3,500 on cleaning. Everything else is on par with 2025. We did replace the lights downstairs with a cost of \$9,000 but this came out of the Contingency Funds

Readers Required: If anyone is interested in helping out during Sunday worship services by doing readings, please see the sign up sheet in the vestibule or please contact Barry Cutler at (709) 685-9030 or by email at newfie_1_ca@yahoo.ca. Thank you